

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Latest Information Respecting Preparations for It.

Cincinnati, O.
The best word to go out from this city to veterans regarding the 22d Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in this city, Sept. 5-10, inclusive, is that furnished by Mr. W. T. Perkins, Chairman of the Transportation Committee.

The rate of one cent a mile has been granted in all that large territory embraced in what is known as the Central territory, and governed by the Central Traffic Association. All other traffic associations have agreed upon a rate of one fare for the round trip in their respective territories and to the dividing line. From the connecting point on to Cincinnati, through the Central territory, the one-cent-a-mile rate will prevail. Thus, Eastern veterans will get a rate of one and a half cents a mile to Pittsburgh, and from there to Cincinnati of one cent a mile. This brings the cost of transportation down to as low a figure as has ever been given on the occasion of any Encampment. The fact that Cincinnati is about in the center of this Central territory insures that all visitors, from whatever section, will enjoy about the same advantage in the matter of fares.

To be sure, there was at first a disposition on the part of the Western Passenger Association to add an arbitrary \$2 to the price of each ticket sold on the cent-and-a-half basis, but the action of the General Passenger Agent of the Chicago and Great Western in boldly notifying Chairman Perkins that his line would ignore the \$2 clause had the wholesome effect of bringing all the rest of the roads to time, and the "added \$2" feature has been abolished. The Southern Passenger Association was the last to come in under the one-fare-for-the-round-trip arrangement.

The existing state of war with Spain has had the effect of increasing at least local interest in the coming Encampment, and the Citizens Committee is proceeding with its arrangement on the theory that this added interest extends beyond local lines. The intense patriotic and military sentiment everywhere prevalent in the Union has set the blood of the veterans of '61-65 coursing through their veins with new vigor, and added an elasticity to their step that is noticeable. The same sentiment has made the old soldier an object of new interest and concern to the younger generations. The result, the natural result of this condition of affairs will unquestionably be a special effort on all the old boys in blue to get to Cincinnati for the annual assembly, and to exchange greetings and opinions with their comrades from other States.

By the same argument, the gathering of this large body of old soldiers will attract their friends and visitors, generally in larger numbers than ever before. Next to seeing the great new army out on the field, or in bivouac awaiting the order to march, will be the opportunity to meet with the veterans of another war, to hear the strains of martial music, and witness the great annual parade.

It is with these thoughts in mind that Executive Director Wm. B. Melish and his colleagues of the Citizens Committee are proceeding with the preliminary arrangements. No difficulty will be experienced, however, in accommodating every visitor. Notwithstanding the large number of Grand Army Posts that have already been assigned to quarters in school houses, fully half of the city's school buildings are still available for future assignments. Camp Sherman is capable of entertaining a large army. The selection of its site was particularly fortunate. The topography is such as to permit its extension to accommodate many more than originally calculated upon, and these extensions can be made as the occasion demands.

The Committee in charge of Camp Sherman—Major J. W. Wilshire, a veteran, Chairman—has all the details arranged. The camp will be well sewered, lighted and watered, and will be made attractive as well as healthful. The work of laying out the streets and similar details have been slightly retarded by the war. Capt. Byrne, U. S. A., who was to do the work under detail of the Government, is now at the front with the 4th Inf., and another man may now have to be detailed by the proper Government authority to take up the work originally assigned to Capt. Byrne. Before asking for another detail, however, it was deemed best to write to Capt. Byrne to write him asking if he would like a special detail back home to resume charge of the Camp. This letter was sent to Capt. Byrne at Tampa, and no action will be taken until he has been heard from.

While the line of march has been mapped out and approved by Commander-in-Chief Gelin, it has not yet been made public. The Local Citizens Committee has deemed it expedient to withhold the information until the date for the Encampment is nearer. This much is known, however, that the annual parade will be over almost exclusively asphalt streets, and entirely on the level. This will be good news to the veterans, for whom it is no small task to participate.

The 20 different Citizens Committees operating under the Executive Committee in perfecting preliminary arrangements are about ready to begin work along lines that will result in bringing more forcibly to the minds of every citizen that the date for the Encampment is rapidly approaching. Chairman J. A. Rohrer, of the Committee on Day Decorations, will shortly submit to his busy Committee the hundreds of plans which have been submitted to him by competing architects and artists for decorating the streets with arches and various symbolic features. When selections have been made, and that will be no light task, the bids for their construction will be solicited.

One suggestion which will probably be carried out is to have the colored citizens of Cincinnati unite in erecting one symbolic arch in honor of those of their race who are numbered among the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic. The colored citizens have expressed a desire to do this, and it is expected that the arch will be erected. Doubtless they will be, they will go about the matter with great enthusiasm.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held on June 15, the announcement was made that Commander-in-Chief Gelin had been called to the front in command of United States troops, and that he could not make his promised early visit to Cincinnati.

The Ohio State Encampment was held at Mt. Vernon, O., June 14-16. An unusually large delegation attended from here, and they made such a good report to the Department endorsing that it is expected the membership will become so enthusiastic as to insure the presence in Cincinnati next September of every Ohio veteran who can travel.—Will L. Finch.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD,
Popular Excursions to Niagara Falls
Tuesday, July 12.

Round Trip, \$10.00.
A Ten (10) Day Tour to America's Greatest Natural Wonder, via B. & O. Royal Blue Line and the Lehigh Valley Route through the Lehigh and Wyoming Valleys, the Switzerland of America. Special trains of elegant day coaches and parlor cars will be run on Tuesday, July 12, on following schedule:
Lv. Washington, D. C., 8.10 a. m.
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Stop over allowed on return trip to Buffalo, Rochester, Geneva, Bardonia, Watkins Glen and Auch Chunk.
Special arrangements for dinner and supper en route at very reasonable rates. Call for ticket Agents, Baltimore & Ohio R. R., for full particulars.

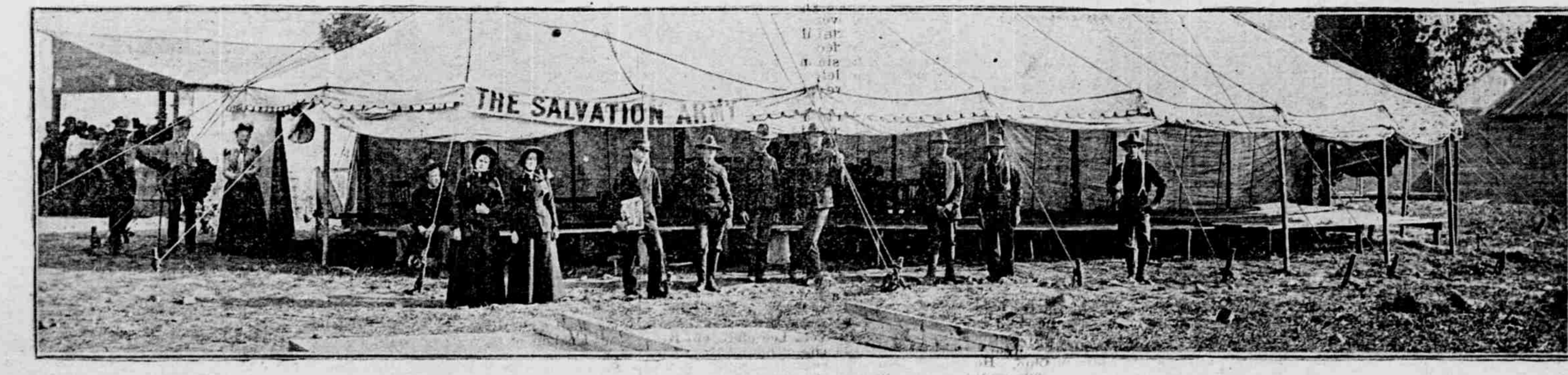
SCENES IN THE CAMP LIFE OF OUR VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

From photographs taken especially for THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.



OFFICERS' MESS, 9th MASS.

The State of Massachusetts always does things with the highest ability, and one of her best things, is the careful preservation of the numbers, legends and traditions of the splendid regiments which have stood up gloriously for Massachusetts in every war. The 9th Mass. has always been the special representative of the Massachusetts soldiers of Irish birth or descent. In the war of the rebellion the 9th Mass. was Irish from Colonel to drummer-boy, and a magnificent body of fighters. It had from first to last 1,650 men on its rolls, and lost 714 of these killed or wounded. The present 9th Mass. has in it a large contingent of the sons of the men who put the old 9th Mass. high up among the 300 Fighting Regiments. The roster of its field and staff officers shows the Hibernian character of the regiment: Colonel, Fred B. Began; Lieutenant-Colonel, Lawrence J. Logan; Majors, Patrick J. Grady, Wm. H. Donovan, Michael J. O'Connor; Adjutant, Jas. J. Kelly; Quartermaster, Jere G. Fennessy; Chaplain, P. B. Murphy; Surgeon, T. L. McGurn; Assistant-Surgeons, Wm. A. Devine and Cornelius J. McGillicuddy.



THE SALVATION ARMY.

The Salvation Army has set a splendid example to all other organizations—even the Regular Army itself—in the way it waked up to the possibilities of the present war, and organized itself to meet all of them. It has shown a fine competence in this work, and was at once on the ground, ready for active operations on a grand scale in every camp. It is doing great good everywhere, and its meetings, its tents, its helpfulness to the soldiers are fine illustrations of practical, effective Christianity.



THE AMBULANCE CORPS.

The ambulance of to-day is a great improvement on that of 40 years ago, as in everything connected with the hospital service. Instead of the care of the wounded being left to the uncertain attentions of the musicians, there is a regularly enlisted and carefully drilled ambulance corps, which will without doubt be effective in saving very many valuable lives, and greatly ameliorating all the sufferings of the men who are stricken by the bullets of the enemy.

THE GRAND ARMY.

What Veterans Are Doing for the Good of the Order.

IDAHO ENCAMPMENT.

The 11th annual Encampment of the Department of Idaho, at Moscow, was well attended by enthusiastic G.A.R. men from all parts of the State. Commander Lindol Smith presided. His address was largely devoted to the present war and the causes leading up to it. Speaking of the sinking of the Maine by the Spaniards he said: "Was this dastardly deed to go unrebuked? I voice the hearts of every member of the G.A.R. when I say 'No.' But as the death-dealing sound of that torpedo strikes the mountains and dates of this great, liberty-loving people the answer goes back to Havana from all over the land that 'Cuba shall be free.' And again, the spirit of '61 to '65 is revived, the fires of patriotism burn anew from every mountain peak and hill, and again we wish we had the strength of '61 to '65. But here again comes the grand work we have been engaged in for the last quarter of a century, that of patriotic teaching in the public schools, and the placing of Old Glory on every schoolhouse in our land. May our good work never stop till this shall have been fully accomplished, and the steady tramp is heard of the best and noblest of our land. While they are lining up for liberty and equal rights we hear from away over the sea the advance guards knocking at the doors of tyranny and oppression, and the indications are that Dewey's knocks have been heard, and that the oppressed will hail Old Glory as their friend and beardsley."

The report of W. H. Beardsley, Assistant Adjutant-General, showed a net gain of 19 members during the year. There were in good standing 284 members. Asst. Q. M. Gen. Gillis J. McBane's report showed an increase of nearly \$100 in cash on hand.

The following were elected: Com., Nelson F. Kimball, Sheridan Post, 4; Weiser, S. V. C., S. L. Thompson, Hayes Post, 2; Lewiston, J. V. C., C. B. Holt, Maj. Anderson Post, 5; Moscow, Chap. Henry Brown, Hayes Post, 2; Lewiston, Medical Director, W. C. Maxey, Hurl Wilson Post, 21; Caldwell, Council of Administration, E. N. Elton, Geo. B. Little, S. B. Kinsbury, Thomas Sullivan, and R. Pickering, Delegate, L. Rowley, Lewis Post, Alternate, H. F. Reel, Boise. The Encampment reduced the annual per capita tax from 40 to 30 cents.

Commander Kimball has established Headquarters at Boise and announces the appointment of the following staff: Asst. Adj. Gen., Charles A. Clark, Boise; Asst. Q. M. Gen., Darius F. Baker, Boise; Judge-Advocate, D. H. Badlong, Coeur d'Alene; Ins., S. M. C. Reynolds, Meridian; Senior Aid and Chief of Staff, James H. Steele, Boise; Chief Mustering Officer, F. W. Coolidge, Shoshone.

INDIAN TERRITORY ENCAMPMENT.

The seventh annual Encampment of the Department of the Indian Territory met recently at South McAlester, Department Commander R. M. J. Shriver presided. The Posts throughout the Territory were well represented.

The following were elected by acclamation: Com., David Redfield, Ardmore; S. V. C., Wm. Witt, South McAlester; J. V. C., Lee Marshall, Big Cabin; Chap., Rev. Hicks, South McAlester. Council of Administration, H. C. Estes, T. N. Johnson, J. B. Wiegand, J. B. Warren, and Dr. F. M. Savage, Medical Director, Dr. Griffith; Comrade R. Stuart Dennee, of Ardmore, was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General and E. L. Bennett, Assistant Quartermaster-General. Vinita was chosen as the meeting place next year.

LOYAL HOME WORKERS.

Notes About the Members of the Association and Their Doings.

L.H.W. Friends: It is a long time since I wrote to the L.H.W. column. Since then the L.H.W. has undergone a great change from its former self. Where are all of the old-time members? Where are the bright, chatty articles that appeared under names that were very familiar to us all? Come forward, and give us an account of your prolonged absences. Tell us what you think is best for the society's future welfare. Perhaps you, too, are interested in the Cuban war. I know that I, for one, am. Are we going to stand by and let our organization decay in the next 12 months, as it has done in the last 12? If so, we had best begin to find a suitable epithet to inscribe on its tomb.—J. Marshall Murphy, Wheatland, Mo.

And we all say—Where are the Loyal Home Workers?—E. P. McKelroy.

I would like to hear from all "lone" N. Y. L.H.W.'s—those that do not belong to Local Circles—as I have a plan which has been suggested for organizing a Circle of those who are far separated.

Isn't it grand to hear of such signal victories following our dear old flag, which cost our forefathers so much and which has brought us so many privileges?

It is inspiring to see it floating everywhere in the country places, and, above all, over the schoolhouses, where our future citizens, soldiers and statesmen are gathered preparing for life's conflict by and by. "Flag of the free heart's hope and home, By angel hands to valor given, Thy stars have lit the welkin dome And all thy hues were born in heaven. Forever float that banner o'er us, Where breathes the foe, but falls before us, With Freedom's soil beneath our feet, And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us."

—M. Ette Fuller, Spring Lake, N. Y.

Friends of Mrs. Guy Pogue, formerly Jessie Anderson, West Bridgewater, Pa., will be shocked to learn of her death, after a short illness.

Mr. Pogue, whom all will remember, has been visiting Mary Bolinger, 109 Madison Ave., Allegheny City. The death of her mother a short time ago was a severe blow to her, and her many friends in the L.H.W. will sympathize with her in her great loss.

Death has also robbed our ex-State Secretary, Louis M. Stockton, of his mother. I am sure the sympathy of each one of our loyal family will go out to those bereaved.

Among the Pennsylvania L.H.W.'s to go to the front in these war times is Harry Sorcho, of Erie. His wife, Alice Phillips Sorcho, is one of Pennsylvania's most faithful workers for Progress and Patriotism.

Ralph Parsons, whose home is at Mount Jewett, is now at Munhall, Allegheny County. He is making every effort to attend the Encampment, and urging all his friends to do likewise.—Ola Bell Hotham.

An Opportune Time.

It is ours to live in a golden age—a time of rare opportunity and corresponding responsibility.

We are in the midst of the greatest epoch in human history—an hour when a great, peace-loving Nation has thoughtfully and selflessly dedicated the services of its Army and Navy to the liberation of a heroic, but helpless, people, and, finally, to drive the emblem of oppression, treachery, and butchery from the hemisphere.

In this noble undertaking Uncle Sam reasonably expects that every man will do his whole duty, which duty is plain and clear: Loyalty to the

"Flag of the free heart's hope and home, By angel hands to valor given, And a united front to the enemy, in both word and deed."

The loyal, patriotic boys who have gone to the front, as well as the brave blue-jackets which patrol the seas, should have the earnest support, the sympathies and

prayers of every one beneath the flag they have sworn to defend. They should feel and know they have the earnest cooperation of all lovers of liberty, in whose name they have gone forth to do and to dare.—L. C. Cooper, Cardington, O.

THE RELIEF CORPS.

News and Gossip of the Great Auxiliary.

In response to General Orders, issued by Mrs. Sarah J. Martin, National President of W.R.C., Tyler Relief Corps, Cumberland, Md., sent a check for \$19, the net proceeds of a berry festival given for the benefit of the emergency fund, to Mrs. Lizzie O. Buchta, Department President of Maryland. Tyler Relief Corps is wide awake and ever ready to offer their services to the country or any needy cause; under the able leadership of its President, Mrs. Sara Kelly and the hearty co-operation of 32 earnest and willing workers, do a noble work, and offer their services to their country during the present war.—Rebecca Arnold, Cumberland, Md.

Comrade and Mrs. H. E. Taylor, Upton, Mass., observed their 25th marriage anniversary June 13, by a reception at their home, on Grove street. Comrade Taylor is a member of J. Orson Fisk Post, 105, holding responsible offices. Mrs. Taylor is a member of J. Orson Fisk Corps, 105, serving as Chaplain for nine consecutive years in that capacity. Both Post and Corps were present in large numbers.

Another Post After Commissioner Evans.

In the opinion of the comrades of George A. Custer Post, 56, Department of Oklahoma, Alvarado, O. T., the rulings and policy of the present Commissioner of Pensions have been unjust and tending to hinder, delay and defeat the just claims of veterans, their widows and their orphans. At a recent meeting, by unanimous vote, President McKinley was petitioned to remove said Commissioner. H. H. Huntington is Commander and Volney Trask Adjutant.

PENSION POINTERS.

Inquiries Answered and Suggestions Made.

[All communications for this column should be accompanied by the true name and correct address of the inquirer. The reporter, however, will be given to anonymous inquiries. If no reply is printed within three weeks, write again.]

E. P., Springfield, Kans.—A provision of the act of March, 1885, is as follows: "Provided, That all applicants for pension shall be presumed to have had no disability at the time of enlistment, but such presumption may be rebutted."

S. K. H., Dearing, O.—The one-year veterans pensioned under the act of July 17, 1864, were entitled to the full bounty of \$100 only if they served the full term or were discharged before the expiration thereof because of wound or injury incurred in the service and line of duty. There has been no change in the law or rulings in this respect.

F. J. S., Charlotte, Mich.—When an invalid pensioner drawing under the act of 1890, and having a claim pending under the general law, wishes to be pensioned under the general law, he should proceed to comply with the known official requirements to establish his title under the general law. In addition to evidence showing the origin and existence of the alleged disabilities in service and line of duty, evidence showing the continuance of the same from discharge to date is essential.

H. M. C., Lodi, O.—The official medical examination usually determines the question of title to an increase on pensioned disability. To establish a claim to "additional" pension—i. e., increase on account of disability not covered by the pension certificate—the same proofs are required as in establishing an original claim.

J. B.—Any rejected pension claim may be appealed to the Secretary of the Interior.

J. P. H., Brookfield, Mo.—There is no fixed time within which a pension claim may be expected to be settled after the proofs are all furnished. If your claim has been apparently complete for two years, and still nothing is heard from the Pension Bureau, an inquiry through your member of Congress may bring some sort of response.

L. C. H., Rome, O.—There is no law under which a remarried widow can regain her former pension on the death of her second husband. If the second husband was a soldier, she may be entitled to be pensioned on account of his service.

J. J. L., Cleveland, O.—While the widow is living and receives a pension, the children of the soldier may not have the benefit of the soldier's service in taking up land under the homestead laws.

W. F. K., Kankakee, Ill.—When a widow pensioned under the act of 1890 remarries, leaving a child of the soldier under 16, the child's pension under the act of 1890 would commence only from the date of filing application after the widow's remarriage.

H. J. H., Hot Springs, S. D.—A rejected claim for increase on pensioned disability is regarded as closed unless contest is entered within three months after rejection.

D. H. C., Gloversville, N. Y.—The only law in which title to a widow's pension is affected by date of marriage is that of June 27, 1890, which requires that a widow, to be entitled to pension under that act, shall have been married to the soldier before the date of the act. If the soldier's death can be shown to be due to the service and line of duty, the widow is entitled under the general law, without regard to date of marriage.

S. N., Clearmont, Mo.—There is no limit to the delay that may possibly occur in action on a pension claim in the Pension Bureau. An inquiry through a member of Congress is apt to hasten action.

L. T. S., Superior, Wis.—The rate of invalid pension under the general law for the amputation of a leg at the knee is \$36 per month, the same as for amputation above the knee. It is held that a "knee" in the act of Aug. 4, 1866, is used in the ordinary rather than the technical sense; that "the point indicated by a line drawn around the limb immediately below the ligamentum patellae, at the base of what is known as the tubercle of the tibia, marks the lower limit of the knee, and an amputation at or above that limit is an amputation at the knee" as contemplated by the act of Aug. 4, 1866.

As to your other question, consult a competent surgeon.

A. A., Camanche, Cal.—There is no limit as to the period within which an appeal to the Secretary of the Interior in a rejected pension claim must be taken, except in claims for increase on pensioned disability in service and line of duty, in which case no contest of a rejection may be instituted if three months have elapsed since the rejection.

W. H. S.—The ordering of an extra medical examination may usually be regarded as a favorable indication. There is no way of determining just how long a period may elapse after the evidence is all in and all required medical examination had, before final action is taken by the Pension Bureau. The Soldiers' Home at Washington, D. C., is for ex-soldiers of the Regular Army only. Twenty years' honorable service, or disability incurred in service and line of duty, incapacitating for further military service, is essential to entitle to admission.

REUNIONS.

California.
Central California Veterans' Association, at Sycamore Springs, San Luis Obispo Co., Cal., July 19 to 29. T. W. Lincoln, Commander, Santa Maria, Cal.

Miscellaneous.
First Brigade, First Division, Ninth Corps, composed of the 27th Wis., 8th Mich., 27th Mich., 109th N. Y. and 51st Pa., at County Court House, Cincinnati, O., Sept. 6. Charles T. Bogart, Secretary, Wausau, O.

Missouri.
Interstate Soldiers' Reunion at Nevada, Mo., Aug. 8 to 13. This organization claims to have the finest camp-ground in the State and an amphitheater seating over 5,000 people. Speakers of National reputation have been secured. A. R. Patterson, Adjutant, Nevada, Mo., 42d Mo., at Omaha, Neb., 24. At a meeting of the regiment held at Leavenworth, Kan., John B. Majors, Captain, Co. B, of Savannah, Mo., was asked to designate the next place of meeting, and after consultation with several of the old officers has decided on Omaha.

New York.
14th N. Y. H. A., at Albany, N. Y., Aug. 18 and 19. William W. Wadsworth, Secretary, P. O. Box 1220, New York City.

Pennsylvania.
The 11th Pa. Cav. held its annual Reunion at Old Fort Mifflin, State Encampment. About 50 of the boys answered to roll-call. Wilkesbarre was selected as the meeting place next year. 2d Mo. at Omaha, Camp Weller, York Furnace Station, July 20. T. B. Hamblen, Secretary, Ferglen, Pa.

The Harmony of Life lies in a healthy body; without it everything will be out of tune. The bright sunshine will be distressing to you, the idea of your work painfully unbecoming, the family ties burdensome, the laugh of the children annoying. All this may exist without any clear sign of disease. But wait; you will soon find that you have no appetite, that your stomach is out of order, you are drowsy, feverish—in fact, all out of tune. Now is the time to call in Dr. FERRIS' BLOOD PURIFIER.

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